in general meeting. The information relating to the terms of such issues, *Vis-a-Vis* the terms of issue to other shareholders is not available, as the same is not centrally complied.

Israeli Request for Solar Devices

1003. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has sought supplies of solar cells and solar photovoltaic modules from India ; if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether an sraeli renewable energy delegation visited India in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the details of the talks held and the action taken on Israel request ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A 5 member Israeli delegation headed by the Director-General, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, Israel visited India from November 1—5, 1993 for discussions on possibilities of bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the field renewable energy. It was concluded that opportunities existed for enhancing cooperation between the countires for undertaking joint activities covering research, demonstration, industrial and commercial collaborations in the field of solar energy. The Israeli delegation, impressed by the progress made by India in the field of photovoltaics has expressed interest in receiving detailed information on photovoltoic equipment including solar cells, modules, etc. developed and manufactured in India. The Israeli side has been provided with information about Indian companies in this field. No specific request has been received from Israeli side for supplies of solar cell and modeuls.

Setting up of Tidal Energy Project in the Gulf of Kutch

1004. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up 900 MW tidal energy project in the Gulf of Kutch (Gujarat) ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that France has shown interest to provide technical collaboration for the proposed project ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the time by which the energy project is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) After detailed investigations and studies, a techno-economic feasibility report has been prepared for a 900 MW Tidal Power Project in Gulf of Kutch in Gujarat. The project invisages an expenditure of about Rs. 6,000 crores. However, Central Electricity Authority is yet to clear the project techno-economically.

(c) and (d) Electricity-De-France (EDF), Paris, an expert body on tidal power, has been operating a 240 MW Tidal Power Project since 1966. EDF has shown interest in providing technical collaboration to India for updating the project report and commissioning of the proposed tidal power plant at Gulf of Kutch.

(e) The Government is in favour of early implementation of this project. However, a final view on its setting will be taken after the CEA has cleared the project techno-economically and the project report has been updated.